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In re application of:

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For: APPARATUS FOR MULTICAST FORWARDING IN A VIRTUAL LOCAL  
AREA NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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